

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 23rd 2002**

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## **Trip to Inishkea**

The planned trip to the Inishkea south Island by Joe EI3IX has had to be again rescheduled for today, Sunday June 23rd.

The plan is to set up operation from the north square first (F52). Joe hopes to be on air by 1100 hrs. Dermot EI6DZ will also be making the trip, so F52 will remain on air for the duration.

Joe will then head to the south square to activate F51 with a portable HF backpack compliments of EI6DZ along with VHF/UHF gear.

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## **XE1/EI7GK**

Paddy EI7GK will be QRV from his daughters' house in Mexico during July. Listen out for XE1/EI7GK on SSB on 14.268MHz, 18.115MHz and 21.317MHz and if conditions permit on 7.068MHz. He will be calling CQ for EI, GI and MI stations and will take part in the Irish hour on Sundays on 21.317MHz.

While Paddy is QRV from Mexico, Nuacht as Gaeilge will be read by EI6HY.

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

A Foxhunt will take place this coming Wednesday the 26th of June in place of the normal general meeting. Rules are as follows; One team per car. Teams can consist of 2 or 3 people. One radio per car. There is a time limit of 2 hours and the event will start at approximately 8 p.m. The winning team is the first to find the two "foxes".

Those wishing to take part should meet in the usual meeting venue at the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp! Team packs (timesheets etc.) will be issued at this time. The group will then meet back at the Roanmore Centre after the event for the results and to relax and have a drink. Visitors are welcome to take part. For enquiry's, phone John on 087 4132525. Up to date information will be posted on the news page of the clubs website at

[www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg](http://www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg)

RA Announces Shorter Qualifying Period for Licensees The Radiocommunications recently announced a change in the rules for Class B Amateur Radio licensees in the UK. Those who held full or intermediate Class B licences and have passed the Morse assessment test can now apply for a Foundation Licence and M3 callsign which gives access to the HF bands.

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### **Slievenamon Perpetual 70cm Trophy 2002**

The Slievenamon Perpetual Trophy was presented to the IRTS by Tipperary Amateur Radio Group in 2001. It will be awarded to the station that achieves the highest number of points in a 70cm's only competition.

Tipperary Amateur radio Group hopes that this award will in part encourage activity on the 70cm band throughout the month of July. The competition is to be restricted annually to all Sundays over the month of July and only FM simplex contacts are valid. Points are calculated as follows; 1 point per contact multiplied by the number of counties. Outside EI/GI only 1 point and no multiplier. Entrants are permitted to include contacts made during the IRTS UHF/VHF field day, so long as the contacts are on 70cms FM and simplex. There is a power restriction of 150watts. Contacts can be made mobile, portable and stationary. This is an IRTS members only competition and standard competition logs are to be submitted to the IRTS Contest Manager ei2jc@hotmail.com before the 31st of August. For further details please e-mail TRG secretary at john.burke@honeywell.com. July seems like a long way but now is the time to start planning on potential sites to use, equipment and antenna setup.

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### **VHF Field Day 2002**

The rules for the up coming VHF Field Day in July will be unchanged, there will be the usual 2 sections, Restricted section (2 meters only) & the Open section, 2 meters, 6 meters, 4 meters, 70cm & 23cm. (See the IRTS member directory). It's hoped that there will be plenty of active stations in EI for this contest.

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### **Digital**

Andre ON5FS claims the ability to send WebCam pictures using the PACTOR mode. Andre is using the DJ0CU program, Simple32 GOLD Webcam and a SCS PTC-II. Webcam pictures between 9 to 14 Kilobytes are downloaded in between 50 seconds to just over a minute. Info about software available on the Simple 32 Website at [www.simple32.com](http://www.simple32.com)

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